

WASHINGTON, DC - U.S. Congressman Mike Pence, announced today that the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) will begin accepting applications for their Assistance to Firefighters Fire Station Construction Grants (SCG) Program. The application period will begin tomorrow, June 11, 2009 at 9:00 AM and all applications for these grants must be received by July 10, 2009 at 5:00 PM.

"The first responders in our communities are on the front lines of emergency response and we owe them a debt of gratitude and respect for their service-and their priorities are a priority for me," Pence said.

"My staff stands ready to assist those firefighters and fire stations in our district with applying for these important federal resources that will play an important role in strengthening our district's emergency management efforts."

Contact Kim Bennett, Congressman Pence's Deputy District Director at (765) 747-5566 for more information and assistance.

NOTE:

The Department of Homeland Security's Assistance to Firefighters Fire Station Construction Grants (SCG) will provide financial assistance directly to fire departments on a competitive basis to build new or modify existing fire stations in order for departments to enhance their response capability and protect the community they serve from fire and fire-related hazards. The authority for SCG is derived from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 (Public Law 111-5). Congress appropriated a total of \$210 million for this Fiscal Year (FY) 2009 program.

More information can be found at <http://www.firegrantsupport.com/afscg/>